



EPA to Hold Public Hearings on Amended Yucca Mountain Standards

The EPA will be holding public hearings on the recently proposed amendments to the Public Health and Environmental Radiation Protection Standards for Yucca Mountain, Nevada. Meetings will be held in Nevada in Amargosa Valley and Las Vegas, and in Washington D.C.

Three Types of Meetings

The meetings will provide opportunities for both informal exchanges of information and formal comments. These will include:

- **Information Sessions:** an informal opportunity to learn about the standards, meet EPA staff, ask questions, and provide comments on the record in writing or on audio tape.
- **Roundtable Dialogues:** a group conversation with EPA staff to discuss the standards and to allow opportunities for the public to ask questions of EPA staff, and for EPA to respond. A summary of key points and questions will be recorded for the record.
- **Public Hearings:** a formal opportunity to make verbal statements that will be recorded for the public record. In order to allow for the maximum number of comments, individuals and organizations should schedule a specific time to make their comments.

Commenting at a Formal Hearing

Individuals and organizations will be able to request time at a public hearing by calling the Yucca Mountain toll-free information line at 1-800-331-9477. Please leave a message with the following information: your name and organizational affiliation (if any), the hearing date, location, preferred time(s) available to comment, and your daytime telephone number. Individuals who do not schedule in advance will need to wait for an available time at the hearing. *Requests must be received by EPA no later than September 30, 2005 for the hearings in Amargosa Valley and Las Vegas, Nevada; and October 7, 2005 for the hearing in Washington, DC.*

Other Ways to Comment

Individuals can also provide recorded spoken comments or written comments at individual comment stations at any of the public events listed below. Those unable to attend a meeting will be able to submit comments to the public record via fax, surface mail, or Internet. For more information on submitting comments please visit: <http://www.epa.gov/radiation/yucca/comments.htm>.

Hearing Schedule

AMARGOSA VALLEY

Monday, October 3, 2005 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Amargosa Valley Community Center

821 East Farm Road, Amargosa Valley, NV

- Information Session 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
- Roundtable Dialogue Session 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
- Public Hearing 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

LAS VEGAS

The Cashman Center, Rooms 203-206

850 North Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV

Tuesday, October 4, 2005 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm

- Information Session 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
- Roundtable Dialogue Session 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
- Public Hearing 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Wednesday, October 5, 2005 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

- Information Session 10:00 am – 11:00 am
- Public Hearing 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Thursday, October 6, 2005 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

- Information Session 10:00 am – 11:00 am
- Public Hearing 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Tuesday, October 11, 2005 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

EPA East Building, Room 1153

1201 Constitution Avenue, NW

- Information Session 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
- Public Hearing 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Please use the Constitution Ave. entrance and bring a photo ID.

For More Information

Visit the EPA Yucca Mountain website (<http://www.epa.gov/radiation/yucca>) or call the toll-free information line at 1-800-331-9477.

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